

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-16 (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A method for facilitating use of fishing line by a fisher, comprising:

providing at least a first spool having a bore and fishing line;

providing a fishing tackle pack having at least a first compartment;

opening said first compartment;

inserting a strap having an attached end and an attaching end through said bore of said first spool, wherein said strap is interconnected at said fixed end to an interior surface of said at least a first compartment;

establishing a closed state of said strap and forming a loop by interconnecting said attaching end of said strap to said attached end to interconnect said first spool to said interior surface of said first compartment;

placing said first spool under a cover while said first spool is interconnected to said interior surface of said first compartment, wherein said spool is held between said cover and said interior surface of said first compartment, wherein said strap is received by a first opening between said cover and said interior surface of said first compartment, and wherein said fishing line from said first spool is lead from under said cover through a second opening between said cover and said interior surface of said first compartment;

threading said fishing line from said first spool through a hole formed through a panel of said at least a first compartment for use by the fisher; and

after placing said first spool under said cover, closing said first compartment while said first spool is under said cover and while said fishing line from said spool is threaded through said hole.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 17, further including creating tension on said fishing line when pulled from said first spool using at least portions of said strap within said bore.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 17, wherein said inserting step includes inserting said attaching end through said bore, and wherein said establishing a closed state of said strap includes securing said attaching end to one of said attached end and an area proximate to said attached end.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[20]] 17, wherein said inserting step includes inserting said strap while said bore is located outwardly of said cover.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein said locating step includes positioning at least portions of said first spool under said cover.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 17, wherein in said closed state of said strap, a first surface of said strap at a first location along said strap is adjacent said first surface of said strap at a second location along said strap, wherein in said closed state said first and second locations are not within an outside diameter of said at least a first spool.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 17, wherein in said closed state said strap encloses an area having a length that is less than a diameter of said first spool.

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